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Regional disarmament and non-proliferation

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of promoting regional and international peace and security,

Reconfirming the adherence of international community to the goal of ultimate elimination of the nuclear weapons and structuring of the nuclear-weapon-free world,

Welcoming efforts towards establishing new nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned,

Bearing in mind the guidelines on the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned which were endorsed by consensus on 30 April 1999 at the substantive session of the Disarmament Commission,

Expressing confidence that the international community should continue to promote the establishment of new nuclear-weapon-free zones in accordance with the relevant guidelines of the United Nations Disarmament Commission and in that spirit *welcoming* the efforts and proposals that have been advanced by the States parties since 1995 in various regions of the world,

Noting its resolutions on the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in the regions, where they have not been established yet, including resolutions 52/35 of 9 December 1997, 53/77 H of 4 December 1998, 54/51 of 1 December 1999, 54/54 G of 1 December 1999, 54/54 L of 1 December 1999 and also all previous relevant resolutions on this issue,

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Taking into account the suggestion to determine the conditions under which the non-nuclear-weapon States concerned could be ready to participate in establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones in their regions,

1. *Takes note* of all the initiatives that have been advanced by the States parties since 1995 in various regions of the world, including the initiative of establishing a nuclear-weapon-free space in Central and Eastern Europe;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on conditions under which the non-nuclear-weapon States concerned could participate in establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones in their respective regions;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Regional disarmament and non-proliferation".